

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING MEETING
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Aging and Adult Services Agency
South Grand Tower, 333 S. Grand Avenue, Conf. Room 1L; Lansing, MI 48933
February 17, 2017 @ 9:00 AM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Wishart called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Commissioner LaTosch.

COMMISSION ROLL CALL

The Commission roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Dona Wishart, Matthew Adeyanju, John Briggs, Joan Ilardo, Kathleen LaTosch, Peter Lichtenberg, Harold Mast, Donna Murray-Brown, Laura Newsome, Margot Roedel, Michael Sheehan, Linda Strohl, Amy Tripp and Kristie Zamora.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (excused)

Gerald Irby.

AGING AND ADULT SERVICES AGENCY (AASA) STAFF PRESENT

Richard Kline, Shirley Bentsen, Steve Betterly, Carol Dye, Dawn Jacobs, Phil Lewis, Laura McMurtry, Tari Muniz, Becky Payne, Sally Steiner and Scott Wamsley.

VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT

Uneil Smith of Wayne Co. RSVP, Karen Courneya and Jessica Kirn of Saginaw COA, Paul Freddolino and Amanda Woodward of MSU, and other members of the public.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Wishart stated Scott Wamsley will present business item a), on behalf of Tari Muniz, and she requested a motion to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve the agenda. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded the motion. This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Wishart asked for a motion to approve the December 16, 2016 minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Briggs to approve the minutes. Commissioner Ilardo seconded the motion. This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

Uneil Smith, Program Director for the Wayne Co. RSVP, provided backgrounds on her and her program, noting she has 700 volunteers. Ms. Smith expressed concerns regarding difficulties in retaining her age 55 years and older volunteers because they “age out.”

Director Kline asked what solutions to her concerns may be, and how the aging network could help support them.

Ms. Smith stated in Wayne Co., the biggest problem is making sure everyone knows about the RSVP program. They pass out fliers and market at various aging events, but what’s most difficult is getting publicity. They went on Detroit Area Agency on Aging’s President and CEO’s radio talk show, but they can’t get on local TV or in the local newspaper.

Commissioner Murray-Brown stated her mother served under Ms. Smith’s leadership, and she was everywhere. She thanked Ms. Smith for her years of service, and her inspiration.

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT

Commissioner Wishart asked the Commission to join her in celebrating Commissioner Sheehan’s return, noting the great care he’s received during his recovery.

Commissioner Wishart thanked Commissioners for their service, and asked if the five whose terms are expiring in July 2017 have an interest in reapplying for another three-year term, to please submit an online application soon. She requested Ms. Dye provide the Governor’s appointments office website to apply online.

AGING AND ADULT SERVICES AGENCY SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Kline provided a brief overview of the Governor’s State of the State address and the budget issues related to AASA, noting he’ll provide a presentation on AASA’s budget to the Senate on February 23rd, and again in March to the House.

Director Kline stated Phil Lewis completed AASA’s Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Report, which is on AASA’s website.

Director Kline stated he now sits on the Developmental Disability Commission, and will bring back pertinent information as they go on.

Director Kline stated the Adult Services Policy Unit’s software project, formerly known as ASCAP, now called MIAMES had a pilot date of March 1st, but has been delayed to May 1st and will go live August 1st, due to the need for additional testing. This web-based system will allow for more efficiencies in the field.

Director Kline stated he and Scott met with the State Long Term Care Ombudsman and things are going well, and another meeting will take place soon to get into additional details on program and financing, noting they’ve provided input on AASA’s State Plan.

Director Kline stated the BOLD Council is very active and reaching out further across the department in their process improvement work, and updates will continue to be provided.

Director Kline stated the State of Michigan is undergoing the annual anonymous employee state survey.

Director Kline stated AASA has received approval to hire a Deputy Director and executive support position.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Scott Wamsley, AASA's Acting Deputy Director, provided a handout and overview of AASA's final 4th quarter grant and expenditure report.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Phil Lewis, AASA's public affairs staff, provided a press release on the State's \$200,000 grant to Valley Area Agency on Aging (VAAA) to assist with outreach and services to address the Flint water crisis, which was a direct result of the work of advocates and the network, and he thanked MDHHS's Director Nick Lyon for listening and taking action.

Commissioner Wishart stated as a follow up, Flint's VAAA will be invited to present their plan and update on their efforts during the Flint June meeting and public hearing.

Mr. Lewis stated the Governor proposed a \$3.6 million increase with \$1.5 million under Nutrition, and \$2.1 million under Community Services line items, noting the current waiting list is 6,891 people on both home-delivered meals and in-home help. AASA is constantly monitoring that and communicating it to the legislature.

Mr. Lewis stated AASA will be working on budget presentations and overviews on how AASA works, and discussing the Governor's recommendations. Those dates will be provided to the Commission once they are set.

Mr. Lewis stated he has copies of AASA's Annual Report for those who'd like one.

Mr. Lewis stated the Governor's recommendations included \$11.3 million for adult service workers, which falls under AASA's purview with policy staff from Adult Protective Services, noting this will allow for 95 new workers, bringing the caseload ratio from 237:1 to 200:1.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Murray-Brown stated the Advocacy Committee is charged to provide clarity and structure to the advocacy efforts of the CSA, and to complete due diligence to policy issues impacting older adults in Michigan. They support the CSA, the entire network and AASA staff in their full efforts, and their agenda is centered on their vision, which is to advocate for all of Michigan's older adults.

Commissioner Mast stated he felt CSA needs to be more vocal about their objections and recommendations, and discussed sending letters to Representatives, Senators in Congress on the repeal or change of the Affordable Care Act, advising them to go slowly and carefully because there are many vulnerable seniors that will be affected by the outcome.

As well, they discussed that when the Governor supports AASA's efforts, he should be acknowledged in writing to lend better relationships.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Request for Approval of Amendment to Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Grant Awards for Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act, Aging and Disability Resource Collaboration (MIPPA ADRC)

Scott Wamsley, AASA staff, stated this is an amends grants previously awarded that are a result of unspent funds due to staffing changes. These funds will be used for outreach, education and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D, low-Income Subsidy, and Medical Savings Programs to four grantees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan to approve reallocation of the FY2017 MATF, as presented. Commissioner Zamora seconded the motion.

This motion was approved with a 14-0-0 vote.

Request for Review and Approval of Proposed Revisions to the Statewide Operating Standards for the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP)

Steve Betterly, AASA staff, provided an overview of the Statewide Operating Standards for MMAP, and the recommended revisions, one being to change the name to State Health Insurance Program (SHIP).

Commissioner Wishart requested a motion to approve the revised Statewide Operating Standards for MMAP.

A motion was made by Commissioner Newsome to approve the revised Statewide Operating Standards for MMAP (SHIP). Commissioner LaTosch seconded the motion.

Additional discussion followed and this motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

The CSA took a break at 10:23 AM, and resumed business at 10:44 AM.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Michigan Stroke Transitions Trial (MISTT) Research Overview

Paul P. Freddolino, PhD, Professor and Director of Distance Education and Technology, School of Social Work, Michigan State University; and Amanda Toler Woodward, PhD, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, Michigan State University, provided a PowerPoint presentation and detailed overview of the MISTT trial research. This project, based in Lansing and Ann Arbor, is funded by Patient Centered Outcomes Research Initiative, and along with local partners and an advisory Board, they are researching stroke patients and their caregiver transition needs from hospital inpatient to home. The goal is to intervene and reduce burdens with support, help with unmet needs, preparedness and stroke prevention. Final results will be available in 2018.

Overview of the Fiscal Year 2018-2020 State Plan Process

Shirley Bentsen, AASA staff, provided a detailed overview of the development process for AASA's new FY 2018-2020 State Plan on Aging. This plan, a requirement for federal funding, presents the state of Michigan's vision for the aging network, and describes goals, objectives, strategies, and outcomes for aging network priorities. Commissioners were asked to review the draft goals and corresponding issue areas under each, as presented,

and provide comments to Director Klein by early April. The draft State Plan will be redistributed to the CSA in its entirety in April, and final approval will be requested in June to meet the federal deadline of July 1, 2017, noting the FY 2018-2020 State Plan will go into effect October 1, 2017.

Ms. Bentsen stated that AASA will once again, hold the annual Senior Citizen of the Year award event in coordination with Older Michiganiaan's Day on May 17, 2017, in Lansing. Commissioners Mast, Strohl and Zamora agreed to serve on the review panel to select this year's winner. A meeting is set for April 19 to discuss nominations and reach consensus on an honoree.

Overview of the Creating Confident Caregiver® (CCC) Publication

Sally Steiner, AASA staff, provided an overview of an article she and Dr. Carey Wexler Sherman co-authored, that was published in the Journal of Applied Gerontology entitled, *Implementing Sustainable Evidence-Base Interventions in the Community: A Fidelity-Focused Training Framework for the Savvy Caregiver Program*.

Overview of Creating Confident Caregiver (CCC) and Request for Master Trainer Review Panel Member

Sally Steiner, AASA staff, requested a volunteer to sit on the certification panel to certify Master Trainers. Commissioner Lichtenberg volunteered to do so.

Demonstration of the Dementia Knowledge Assessment Tool V2

Commissioner Wishart recommended this agenda item will be tabled to the next meeting.

OTHER

Commissioner Sheehan stated the State Advisory Council on Aging is working to meet the goal to complete and present their report to the CSA in April.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Wishart stated the next CSA meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM on Friday, March 17, 2017, at 333 S. Grand Avenue in Lansing, Conference Room 1L. These meetings are open to the public and anyone needing accommodations to attend should contact Carol Dye at 517-284-0146 at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Wishart stated the next SAC meeting is scheduled for 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at the Ramada Lansing Hotel and Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Hwy. in Lansing at 9:30 AM. She asked for a volunteer to attend and represent the CSA at this meeting. Commissioner Ilardo agreed to do so.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Wishart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Murray-Brown. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mast. This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Commissioner Wishart adjourned the meeting at 11:59 AM.